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Report Highlights:

MY 2007/08 forecasts for wheat consumption and imports are lowered to 2.4 million tons and 1.6 million tons respectively.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
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RICE

Post revises its 2006/07 rice production estimate slightly downward to 29 million tons. The better-than-anticipated Aman rice crop (planted in July/August and harvested in November/December) was offset by a lower Boro rice (planted in December/January and harvested in April/May) harvest that was affected by poor grain formation due to a cold wave. Slight revisions in estimates of rice imports, consumption, and ending stocks were made in accordance with official estimates.

The MY 2007/08 the Aus rice crop (planted in March/April) was affected by floods during the harvesting season, while the Aman rice was affected by repeated floods during planting. The government, under its agricultural rehabilitation program, provided farmers with fresh seedlings and other inputs to support new planting. Assuming normal Boro rice production in MY 2007/08, the rice production estimate is revised down to 29 million tons, which is even with 2006/07. Additionally, Post revises its rice import forecast upward to 800,000 tons.

WHEAT

The MY 2006/07 wheat production estimate is lowered to 765,000 tons due to a decline in planted area to an estimated 372,000 hectares as a result of the weaker comparative advantage of wheat vis-à-vis other remunerative winter crops. Post maintains the wheat acreage forecast which is supported by the current high wheat prices in the domestic market. However, the MY 2007/08 production forecast to increase to 800,000 tons based on higher productivity expected from better crop management.

Due to continued high retail prices, Post lowers the wheat consumption estimate in MY 2006/07 down to 2.5 million tons. Similarly, Post revises the wheat import estimate lower to 1.7 million tons due to the tight international market situation. The Bangladesh government's attempt to procure wheat from the international market has proved unsuccessful due to unrealistic tender terms, fewer numbers of bidders, and very high price offers.

High international prices are restricting imports and consumption as consumers are forced to switch to alternate staples. Therefore, the wheat consumption and import forecasts for MY 2007/08 have been revised down to 2.4 million tons and 1.6 million tons respectively.

Table 1: Commodity, Rice, PSD

PSD Table										
Country	Bangladesh									
Commodity	Rice, Milled						(1000 HA) (1000 MT) (MT/HA)			
	2005	Revised		2006	Estimate		2007	Forecast		UOM
	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	
Market Year Begin		07/2005	07/2005		07/2006	07/2006		07/2007	07/2007	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	11100	11100	11100	11200	11200	11200	11240	11240	11240	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	169	439	169	441	568	441	441	418	360	(1000 MT)
Milled Production	28758	28758	28758	29150	29150	29000	29400	29400	29000	(1000 MT)
Rough Production	43141	43141	43141	43729	43729	43504	44104	44104	43504	(1000 MT)
Milling Rate (.9999)	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	6666	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	514	531	514	750	450	769	400	500	800	(1000 MT)
TY Imports	531	908	531	750	548	650	400	600	800	(1000 MT)
TY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	29441	29728	29441	30341	30168	30210	30241	30318	30160	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Consumption	29000	29160	29000	29900	29750	29850	29900	30000	30000	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	441	568	441	441	418	360	341	318	160	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	29441	29728	29441	30341	30168	30210	30241	30318	30160	(1000 MT)
Yield (Rough)	3.886577	3.886577	3.886577	3.904375	3.904375	3.884286	3.923843	3.923843	3.870463	(MT/HA)

Table 2: Commodity, Wheat, PSD

PSD Table										
Country	Bangladesh									
Commodity	Wheat						(1000 HA) (1000 MT) (MT/HA)			
	2005	Revised		2006	Estimate		2007	Forecast		UOM
	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	
Market Year Begin		07/2005	07/2005		07/2006	07/2006		07/2007	07/2007	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	480	480	480	450	450	372	440	440	440	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	852	142	142	731	167	176	467	147	141	(1000 MT)
Production	820	820	820	780	780	765	740	740	800	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	2009	2030	2009	1806	2100	1700	1800	2100	1600	(1000 MT)
TY Imports	2009	2030	2009	1806	2100	1700	1800	2100	1600	(1000 MT)
TY Imp. from U.S.	66	66	66	87	0	87	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Total Supply	3681	2992	2971	3317	3047	2641	3007	2987	2541	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
FSI Consumption	2950	2825	2795	2850	2900	2500	2800	2900	2450	(1000 MT)
Total Consumption	2950	2825	2795	2850	2900	2500	2800	2900	2450	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	731	167	176	467	147	141	207	87	91	(1000 MT)
Total Distribution	3681	2992	2971	3317	3047	2641	3007	2987	2541	(1000 MT)
Yield	1.708333	1.708333	1.708333	1.733333	1.733333	2.056452	1.681818	1.681818	1.818182	(MT/HA)